Statistics of Mahomedan Employees during 1905-1920.

22. **MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of Mahomedans who were holding appointments in the following Departments during each year from 1905 to 1920 :—

Education	Department	Sanitary	Department
Excise	,,	Registration	,,
Revenue	,,	Forest	,,
Police	,,	Anchal	,,

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The time and labour involved in collecting these statistics for 16 years will be out of proportion to their utility.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : Are the Government aware that there is a steady decline in the number of Mahomedan employees in the Government service during this period, though there was no paucity of applicants qualified for the same?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government are not aware.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : Are the Government aware as to how far the orders of the Head of the Administration have been followed by the Heads of Departments in the matter of recognising the claims of Mahomedans in public service?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Member is referring to question No. 24.

Mahomedan Applicants for Government Service during 1920-24.

23. **MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Mahomedan graduates and undergraduates who applied for appointments during the years 1920 to 1924 and the number of those that have been appointed during the same period in the following Departments and Offices : —

Huzur Cutcherry		Land Revenue	Department
Police	Department	Education	,,
Registration	,,	Excise	,,
Judicial	,,	Anchal	,,

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is considerable difficulty in tracing the number of applications in past years. If the member will be content with one year's figures, these will be obtained and supplied to him.

Employment of Mahomedans in State Service.

24. **MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED** (*Nominated*) : (*a*) Are the Government aware that Mahomedan graduates and undergraduates experience increasing difficulties in getting Government appointments?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to issue the necessary instructions to departmental heads to encourage qualified Mahomedans in the matter of Government appointments?

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MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government note the information.

(*b*) There are already circular orders in force that all Heads of Departments should, consistently with efficiency, qualifications, etc., show special consideration to the members of the Mahomedan and other communities which are backward in point of education.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware as to how far the Heads of Departments were following the orders referred to?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government will enquire.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Have the officers concerned submitted the explanation called for in the order R. Dis. No. 458/25/G. A. dated, Trivandrum, the 27th April, 1925?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Infringement of Easements by the Auction of Portions of Backwaters.

25. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that, in the disposal by Government of large portions of the backwaters by auction sales, etc., to private owners, the casements of neighbouring land-owners to waterway to their lands, to availability of brackish water from the lake for soaking cocoanut husks, to drainage of water from the fields to the lake through water-channels, etc., which they have been enjoying from time immemorial, are being infringed in several cases?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to do the needful for remedying such infringements of the legitimate rights of the people and to prevent such infringements in future?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No such instances have come to the notice of Government. The rules applicable contain safeguarding provisions.

(*b*) If specific cases are brought to notice, they will be examined.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): As regards part (*a*), will the Government kindly ask the Tahsildars to enquire and report whether any easements have been infringed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer to part (*b*) says that, if specific cases are brought to notice, they will be examined, and no such cases have yet come up.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): The people do not know the law of easements. So, will the Government be pleased to ask the Tahsildars to report on the matter in the different taluks where these backwaters are being registered.

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